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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY ITALIAN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE TO HAVE
2 NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ATTEND U.S. CUSTOMS DOG
TRAINING SCHOOL
AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

CUSTOMS FOR OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS FROM MARIO COZZI, CUSTOMS ATTACHE' ROME - SECSTATE/AID
ATT: M. WAMPLER - ROME FILE: 22-03

1. IN JANUARY 1974, DR. ALBERTO SABATINO, DIRECTOR OF THE
NARCOTICS UNIT, ITALIAN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE (CRIMINALPOL),
ROME, ITALY, HAD OCCASION TO ATTEND A NARCOTICS ORIENTATION
COURSE IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON PRIOR TO A U.S. TEAM BEING SENT
TO ITALY TO CONDUCT A NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSE FOR REPRESENTATIVES
OF HIS COMMAND. ON THAT OCCASION DR. SABATINO WAS IMPRESSED
WITH THE CALIBER OF THE TRAINING GIVEN BY U.S. CUSTOMS FOR DOGS USED
BY OUR SERVICE FOR THE INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS.

2. DR. SABATINO HAS REPORTED HIS FINDINGS TO HIS SUPERIORS AND IS
DESIROUS OF ADOPTING THE METHODS USED BY U.S. CUSTOMS FOR TRAINING
DOGS AT THEIR ACADEMY AT NETTUNO, ITALY.

3. ON JUNE 1, 1974, A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE ASKING
IF TWO NCOS ATTACHED TO THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, MAY ATTEND A
SHORT TRAINING COURSE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. IF THIS COULD BE
ARRANGED, ADVICE IS REQUESTED ASTO THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE,
AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN ITALIAN SPEAKING OFFICER IN
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ATTENDANCE FOR THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE TO ASSIST THE TWO OFFICERS.

ALL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES ARE TO BE BORNE BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNLESS THE PER DIEM APPROPRIATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH LEAA CHANNELS.

4. THIS REQUEST WAS DISCUSSED WITH MR. D. SILVESTRI, ACTING SAC, DEA, ROME, AND WITH MR. WILLIAM J. BARNSDALE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, ROME, WHO CONCUR THAT THIS TRAINING WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

5. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED STATING DATE AND LENGTH OF COURSE.VOLPE

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